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## Programme of meetings and agenda

## Official meetings

[There are no official meetings scheduled at Headquarters, *today*, 13 January 2012.]

## Other meetings

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**Friday, 13 January 2012**

**OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

**Informal open-ended consultations with Member States convened by the Chair-designate of the upcoming Preparatory Committee for the 2012 Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects**

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

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## Press conferences

*The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.*

**Friday, 13 January 2012**

*Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium*

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

**Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications**

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

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# Forthcoming official meetings

## General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

*Programme of work*

Since the issuance of the revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly (A/INF/66/3/Rev.1), the following changes have been made:

Agenda items 12 (Global road safety crisis), 34 (Prevention of armed conflict) and its sub-item (a) (Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution), 35 (Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development) and 39 (The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan), originally scheduled for Monday, 12 December 2011, will be considered at a later date in the resumed part, to be announced.

The specific meeting focused on development, to be held under agenda item 117 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), pursuant to resolution 60/265, has been postponed from Friday, 18 November 2011, to a date in the resumed part, to be announced.

Additional scheduling of items or changes in the programme of work will be announced in the *Journal* and on the Web site of the General Assembly <www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/66schedule.shtml>, and will be reflected in revised versions of the note by the President of the General Assembly.

## General Assembly

### Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

*Tuesday, 17 January 2012*, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB): on the concept of operations and troop deployment in the field; and triangular cooperation; and

*Friday, 20 January 2012*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB): on police; and criminal justice and corrections.

### Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category

In accordance with General Assembly decision 66/553 of 22 December 2011, the 1st meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category will take place on Monday, 16 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/AC.279/2012/L.1. Background documentation for the Working Group is available on the Web site of the UN-OHRLLS <www.unohrlls.org/en/ldc/916/>.

**Disarmament Commission**
Organizational session for 2012

The Disarmament Commission will hold its organizational session on Thursday, 19 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda for the substantive session is contained in document A/CN.10/L.67. All Member States are invited to attend.

**Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**

A letter from the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), H.E. Mr. John Ashe, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda, and H.E. Mr. Kim Sook, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea, has been sent to all permanent representatives to the United Nations, transmitting the Co-Chairs' proposal for a zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. The zero draft of the outcome document has also been posted on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. An initial round of consultations on the zero draft of the outcome document will be held from Wednesday, 25, to Friday, 27 January 2012, at the United Nations headquarters. A schedule of subsequent consultations is available on the Rio+20 Web site. As indicated in the letter from the Co-Chairs, delegations are requested to send their written proposals on sections I and II of the zero draft of the outcome document to the Rio+20 secretariat (e-mail tahtinen@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-4260), by *Monday, 23 January 2012*.

## United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

**Executive Board**
First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will be held from Tuesday, 24, to Wednesday, 25 January 2012, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2012/L.1* (to be reissued as UNW/2012/L.1/Rev.1).

Documentation for the session is available on the Web site of the UN-Women <www.unwomen.org/about-us/governance/executive-board/>.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), and requests to be inscribed on the list of speakers, to the secretariat of the Executive Board (rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, but no later than *Friday, 20 January 2012*.

An informal pre-session meeting on matters to be taken up by the Board will be held on Tuesday, 17 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in *Conference Room 4 (NLB)*.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

## International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

### Meeting of States Parties

Thirtieth Meeting

The Thirtieth Meeting of States Parties will take place on Tuesday, 17 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The purpose of this extraordinary meeting is to conduct two by-elections to fill casual vacancies arising from the resignation of two members of the Human Rights Committee last year. The documents for the Meeting are CCPR/SP/76 and CCPR/SP/77. It is envisaged that the voting will proceed in two stages: the first vote will determine the candidate who will take over the mandate which expires on 31 December 2014; and the second vote will determine which of the remaining candidates will take over the mandate which expires on 31 December 2012. For the list of candidates and other information, please visit the following Web site: <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections30th.htm>.

*Quorum*

Pursuant to article 30, paragraph 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the 167 States Parties to the Covenant, that is to say 112 States Parties. In order to avoid the meeting being substantially delayed or postponed for lack of a quorum, representatives of States Parties must be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

*Credentials*

In accordance with Rule 2 of the Revised Rules of Procedures of the Meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the Meeting. The credentials may be brought to the Meeting or sent in advance to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (c/o Mr. James Turpin, DC1-0504).

*Additional meetings in 2012*

States parties are informed that two further meetings of states parties will take place in 2012: a further by-election will be held at an extraordinary meeting, to be organized on a date to be determined in April or May, in order to fill the casual vacancy arising from the death of a member of the Human Rights Committee last month; and the regular scheduled elections to replace those members of the Committee whose terms expire in December 2012 will be held at a meeting already scheduled to take place in September 2012.

# Economic and Social Council

### Commission for Social Development

*Informal briefing*

The Chair of the fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development, H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), will hold an informal briefing, for all interested delegations, on the programme of work of the fiftieth session of the Commission, on Thursday, 19 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

*Fiftieth session*

The fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2012/1. Further information on the fiftieth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2012.aspx>.

*Participation and seating arrangements*

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, by *Friday, 27 January 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

*General discussion and list of speakers*

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, following the opening of the session. For further details, please consult the programme of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2012/1.

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 16 January 2012. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino accordingly (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*. Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

*Participation of non-governmental organizations*

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session.aspx>.

*List of side events*

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fiftieth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

## United Nations Children's Fund

First regular session 2012

The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1. The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in *Conference Room 4 (NLB)*.

The election of the officers of the Executive Board of UNICEF for 2012 will be held on Wednesday, 18 January 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). The election will be followed by an informal consultation on the thematic discussion on focus area 3 (HIV/AIDS and children), from 4 to 6 p.m.

The 2012 first regular session will be preceded by an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the Executive Board on Friday, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, but no later than *Friday, 20 January 2012*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

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## Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2012/L.1.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org), as early as possible, but no later than *Monday, 23 January 2012*.

The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Monday, 16 January 2012, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in *Conference Room 4 (NLB)*.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

## Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

*The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.*

***General Assembly***

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Working Group of the General Assembly on the Reform of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies" (under agenda item 124) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)**

*Monday, 16 January 2012*, from *3 to 6 p.m.* in *Conference Room 5 (NLB)*; and

*Thursday, 19 January 2012*, from *10 a.m. to 1 p.m.* in *Conference Room D (NLB)*.

## Forthcoming other meetings

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**Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)**

*Monday, 16 January 2012*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

**International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties**

*Tuesday, 17 January 2012*, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 10 (NLB).

## Forthcoming other activities

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**Briefing on "OCHA in 2012 and 2013: Plan and budget" (by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator) (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))**

*Monday, 16 January 2012*, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Laura Rodríguez, OCHA (e-mail rodriguez14@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2770).]

**Panel discussion on "The role of public-private partnerships (PPPs) in counter-terrorism" (organized by the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), Department of Political Affairs)**

*Tuesday, 17 January 2012*, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Karen L. Kennedy Mahmoud, CTITF Office (e-mail mahmoud11@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2496).]

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**International expert group meeting on the theme "Combating violence against indigenous women and girls: Article 22 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)**

*Wednesday, 18, to Friday, 20 January 2012*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Talei Cama, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail cama@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1295 or 1 (917) 367-5100; fax 1 (917) 367-5102).]

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**Women's International Forum: Meeting on "Medusa: The making of a feminine icon" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)**

*Wednesday, 18 January 2012*, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.]

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**Workshop on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Unpacking the issues" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean (ECLAC))**

*Thursday, 19 January 2012*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For registration and further information, please visit <www.unctad.org/greeneconomy>; or contact UNCTAD (e-mail trade.environment@unctad.org).]

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**Launch of the Web site of the Oral History Collection <www.unmultimedia.org/oralhistory/> (organized by the Dag Hammarskjöld Library)**

*Thursday, 19 January 2012*, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Reading Room (L-105).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Dag Hammarskjöld Library (Ms. Jackilyn Punsal (e-mail punsal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7428); or Ms. Nicoleta Voinea (e-mail voinean@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4708)).]

**Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (27 January) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)**

**Commemorative conference to mark the seventieth anniversary of the Babyn Yar tragedy in Ukraine**

*Wednesday, 25 January 2012*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail uno_us@mfa.gov.ua; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).]

## Announcements

**Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions**

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

*Introduction to United Nations documentation* (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 24 January 2012.

*Official Document System (ODS)* (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Monday, 30 January 2012.

**United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012**

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 10 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

**Security Council**

### Communications to the President of the Security Council

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### Recorded information

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Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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# Summary of official meetings

**Thursday, 12 January 2012**

## Security Council

6702nd meeting

*Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security*

*Strengthening the relationship between the United Nations and regional organizations, in particular the African Union, in the maintenance of international peace and security*

*Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations-African Union cooperation in peace and security (S/2011/805)*

*Letter dated 4 January 2012 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2012/13)*

*Letter dated 9 January 2012 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/20)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Ethiopia, Kenya and Nigeria, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Ramtane Lamamra, Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2012/25, submitted by Colombia, India, Pakistan, South Africa and Togo.

A statement was made by the President, H.E. Mr. Jacob G. Zuma, in his capacity as the President of the Republic of South Africa.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The Council heard briefings by H.E. Mr. Ramtane Lamamra and H.E. Mr. Moses Wetang'ula, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kenya, Chair of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union.

Statements were made by H.E. Ms. María Ángela Holguín, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Colombia; H.E. Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan; H.E. Mr. Haroldo Rodas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala; H.E. Ms. Susan Rice, Permanent Representative of the United States and member of President Obama's Cabinet; H.E. Ms. Cornelia Pieper, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany; H.E. Mr. Édouard Courtial, Minister of State attached to the 'Ministre d'État', Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of France; H.E. Mr. Luis Brites Pereira, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal; H.E. Mr. Liu Guijin, Special Representative of

the Chinese Government for African Affairs; and H.E. Mr. Koffi Esaw, Minister, Special Advisor to the President of the Togolese Republic; and by the representatives of the United Kingdom and the Russian Federation.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, India and Morocco.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Ethiopia (as Chair of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development) and Nigeria (as Chair of the Economic Community of West African States).

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2012/25) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution (S/2012/25) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2033 (2012).*

Following the vote, the representative of the United Kingdom made a statement.

## General Assembly

### Committee on Relations with the Host Country

255th meeting

The Chair made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bulgaria, Canada, China, Libya, the Russian Federation and the United States, as well as by the observer for Saudi Arabia.

The Chair made a statement.

# Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

### [Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

*Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996*

*Ratification*: Guatemala (12 January 2012)[1]

*Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002*

*Accession*: Hungary (12 January 2012)[1]

*Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Cavtat, 4 June 2004*

*Ratification*: Poland (11 January 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

# General information

## Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
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H.E. Mr. Jean-Francis Régis Zinsou

*Asia-Pacific States:*
Malaysia
H.E. Mr. Hussein Haniff

*Eastern European States:*
Slovenia
H.E. Ms. Sanja Štiglic

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Morejón
Chargé d'affaires

*Western European and other States:*
Portugal
H.E. Mr. José Filipe Moraes Cabral

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<www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/>

*Presidency of the General Assembly*
<www.un.org/ga/president>

*General Assembly*
<www.un.org/en/ga>

*Department of Political Affairs*
<www.un.org/depts/dpa>

*Presidency of the Security Council*
<www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>

*Security Council*
<www.un.org/Docs/sc/>

*Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism*
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

*Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)*
<www.un.org/sc/1540/>

*Department of Economic and Social Affairs*
<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

*Economic and Social Council*
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*Yearbook of the United Nations*
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